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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced

as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "Resolution expressing support for the designation of a Frank Sinatra Day, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

VETERANS EMERGENCY CARE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3819) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3819

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008"

SEC. 2. MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENT OF VET-RECEIVING EMERGENCY ERANS TREATMENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES UNTIL TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

- (a) CERTAIN VETERANS WITHOUT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1725 of title 38, United States Code, is amended-
- (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "may reimburse" and inserting "shall reimburse"; and
- (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph (C):
 - "(C) until-
- "(i) such time as the veteran can be transferred safely to a Department facility or other Federal facility; or
- "(ii) such time as a Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer if-
- "(I) at the time described in clause (i), no Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer; and
- "(II) the non-Department facility in which such medical care or services is furnished makes and documents reasonable attempts to transfer the veteran to a Department facility or other Federal facility.
- (b) CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CON-NECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1728 of such title is amended-
- (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection (a):
- "(a) The Secretary, under such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe, shall reimburse veterans entitled to hospital care or medical services under this chapter for the reasonable value of emergency treatment (including travel and incidental expenses under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title) for which such veterans have made payment, from sources other than the Department, where such emergency treatment was rendered to such veterans in need thereof for any of the following:
- "(1) An adjudicated service-connected disability.
- "(2) A non-service-connected disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.
- "(3) Any disability of a veteran in the veteran has a total disability permanent in nature from a service-connected disability.
- '(4) Any illness, injury, or dental condition of a veteran who-
- "(A) is a participant in a vocational rehabilitation program (as defined in section 3101(9) of this title); and
- "(B) is medically determined to have been in need of care or treatment to make possible the veteran's entrance into a course of training, or prevent interruption of a course of training, or hasten the return to a course of training which was interrupted because of such illness, injury, or dental condition.";
- (2) in subsection (b), by striking "care or services" both places it appears and inserting "emergency treatment"; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:
- "(c) In this section, the term 'emergency treatment' has the meaning given such term in section 1725(f)(1) of this title."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. FILNER. I thank the Speaker.